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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the Izaak Walton League of America on 90 years of defending the outdoors.

Whereas, On January 14, 1922, fifty-four ambitious sportsmen gathered to discuss the deterioration of America's top fishing streams;

Whereas, Wildlife habitat was being destroyed across the country and our nation's forests and wilderness were quickly vanishing. Knowing that action needed to be taken to preserve the wildlife the group formed an organization to combat water pollution and protect the country's forests, a step that would unknowingly lead to many victories for conservation of land;

Whereas, Ninety years later, the 39,000 members of the Izaak Walton League of America are building on the foundation of those who preceded them in responding to conservation challenges;

Whereas, The League has been at the forefront of every major clean water battle in the United States. Spearheading conservation of land and waters for the benefit of all

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Americans, including creation of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge and Superior National Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness;

Whereas, The 250 chapters are in communities across America, working to introduce youth and families to conservation and outdoor recreation. Chapter members build nature trails, restore stream banks, and plant trees. League chapters also award more than \$125,000 in scholarships each year to college students working toward natural resource degrees; and

Whereas, The Izaak Walton League of America has embodied the tradition of grassroots conservation activism with their 90 years of service to defending our nation's wildlife and land. Starting as a group of fifty-four visionary sportsmen to growing to an amazing number of 39,000 members, they truly deserve to be honored in their crusade to better our land: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates the Izaak Walton
- 2 League of America on 90 years of defending the outdoors.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Izaak Walton League of
- 5 America.



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